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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I'm a senior citizen, and I depend on the more reasonable prices offered by Sonic, which is a competitive network for my Internet and phone services. It also helps me to live a satisfying life without isolation from the world and from my friends all over the globe.

Without this affordable service, I would know a lot less, and my quality of life would actually plummet.

Please say absolutely "NO" to any forthcoming price hikes for those that have worked for a living and others who are seeking for the opportunities of the American Dream.

By the way, I'm stuck with just two Internet and phone providers in toto, and I think that's contrary to the much-hailed competitive American Spirit. I wish that business would make money based on value rather than the anti-freedom monopolistic way. I've heard a lot of talk in our political climate against welfare for those who are poor, and I am thoroughly disgusted and ashamed when those very politicians support welfare for the rich. It's horrible and disappointing at this time in my life and after all I've seen and studied.

Thank you,

**David Godinger**